

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program produces employment and wage estimates for more than 800 occupations.

**This table shows the top 20 occupations with the greatest estimated employment in Kansas in the 2009 Survey, and the average hourly wage paid in each occupation.**

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>2008 Q2 Employment</u>	<u>Mean Wage</u>
Retail salespersons .....	38,240	\$11.28
Cashiers .....	35,740	\$8.17
Customer service representatives.....	26,000	\$13.75
Office clerks, general .....	25,500	\$11.63
Registered nurses .....	25,020	\$26.20
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food .....	23,170	\$7.72
Waiters and waitresses .....	23,090	\$8.35
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	21,830	\$10.42
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	21,590	\$11.75
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	21,540	\$13.96
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer .....	20,150	\$17.96
Teacher assistants.....	19,950	NA
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants .....	19,490	\$10.78
General and operations managers .....	18,990	\$39.93
Elementary school teachers, except special education.....	18,180	NA
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive.....	16,920	\$12.16
Stock clerks and order fillers .....	16,090	\$10.72
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers .....	15,940	\$19.71
Sales reps, wholesale and manufacturing, except technical and scientific products.....	15,700	\$28.49
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants.....	15,500	\$17.41

### **The Kansas Wage Survey is a great tool for everyone.**

"The Department of Commerce administers the statewide workforce system, KANSASWORKS. Our system links businesses, job seekers and educational institutions to ensure that Kansas employers find skilled personnel to fill the hiring needs of their companies. We utilize the Kansas Wage Survey to assist job seekers and employers in determining salary ranges for various occupations across the state. The survey also helps attract businesses to Kansas by offering information about labor availability by occupation. We appreciate all the information the Kansas Department of Labor provides that ultimately strengthens the programs we provide to job seekers and employers in Kansas."

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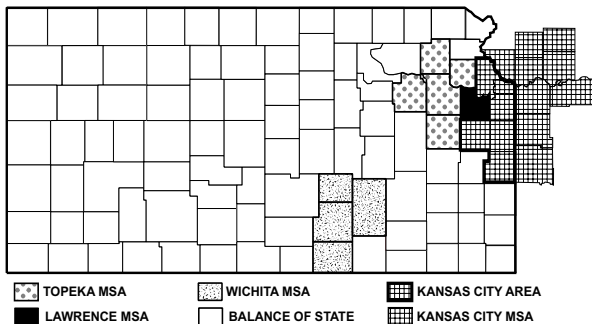
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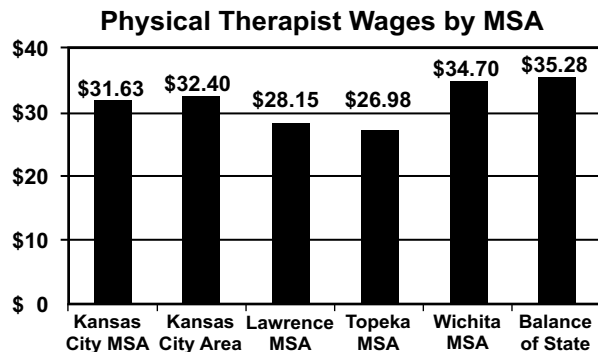
**DID YOU KNOW?**  
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kansas' mean hourly wage was estimated at \$18.10 in May 2008.



Location can play a role in how much a worker is paid. In the *Kansas Wage Survey*, the state is separated into four Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), one Geographic Area and the Balance of State to help compare wages within different areas as well as for the entire state (see map above).

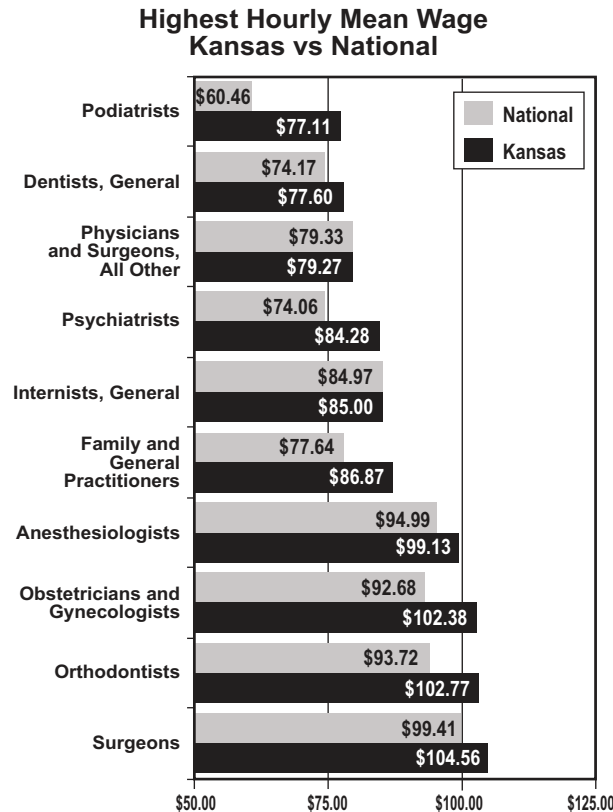
Are you curious about the average wage for a physical therapist in your area? Hourly wages for physical therapists in each of Kansas' geographic regions are shown below.

To find wages for all occupations in Kansas or in your area, refer to the *Kansas Wage Survey* results online.



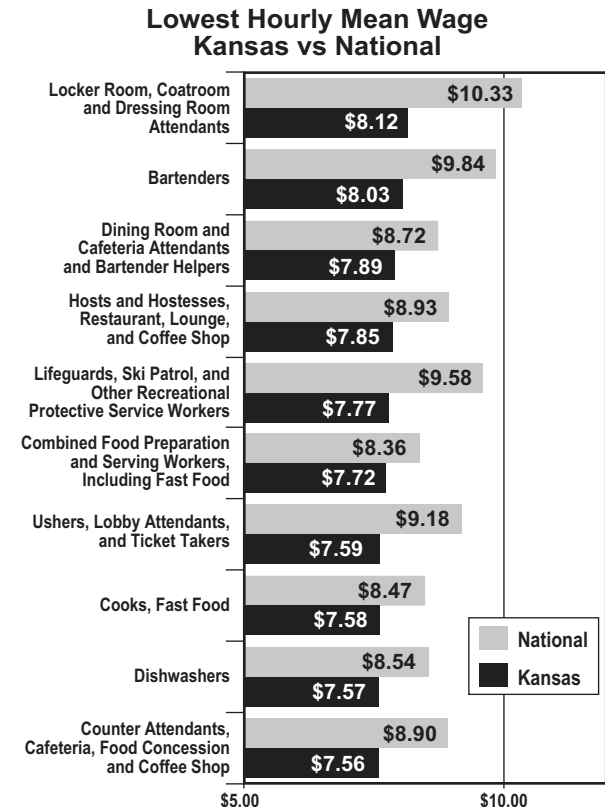
Surgeons have the highest average wage in Kansas, at \$104.56 an hour. Nationally the average hourly wage for surgeons is \$99.41.

As shown in the table below, nine of the top 10 highest paying wages in Kansas pay more than the national average.



The lowest paying occupation in Kansas is Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop workers according to the 2009 survey. The average wage for these workers is \$7.56 an hour, \$1.34 lower than the national average.

None of the 10 lowest paying occupations in Kansas paid more than the national average.



NOTE: The average hourly wage, also called the mean wage, is the estimated total wages for an occupation divided by the total employment in that occupation.

Do you want to find out more information about wages in Kansas?  
Refer to the complete ***Kansas Wage Survey*** results, available on the KDOL Web site at

[http://www.dol.ks.gov/LMIS/wagesurvey/ws2009/wagesurvey\\_2009.html](http://www.dol.ks.gov/LMIS/wagesurvey/ws2009/wagesurvey_2009.html)